

## Message Text

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FM USINT BAGHDAD  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4231  
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E.O.11652: N/A  
TAGS: PFOR, PINT, SY  
SUBJECT: SYRIAN MEDIA SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 18

REF: DAMASCUS 1174

1. USINT HAS LOCATED DECREE OF IRAQI RCC WHICH APPEARS TO BE SOURCE  
FOR ACCUSATIONS OF SYRIAN MEDIA THAT IRAQI GOVERNMENT IMPLICATED  
IN DEATHS OF 244 IRAQIS. OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT GAZETTE OF  
DECEMBER 13, 1976 DOES CONTAIN AN RCC DECREE WHICH RECOGNIZES  
THAT GOVERNMENT HAS FOUND DIFFICULT THE ISSUANCE OF DEATH  
CERTIFICATES FOR 332 MISSING PERSONS. DECREE STATES THAT  
IT IS DESIRABLE TO FACILITATE THE ISSUANCE OF  
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BENEFITS TO THEIR SURVIVING DEPENDENTS. (FIGURE OF  
244 CITED BY SYRIAN MEDIA IS PROBABLY DUE TO FACT  
THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE ALL APAGES OF DECREE. NAME  
NUMBER 244 IS AT BOTTOM OF PAGE SIX OF NINE  
PAGES.)

2. COMMENT: DECREE APPEARS TO BE A STRAIGHTFORWARD EFFORT TO

COMPENSATE THE SURVIVORS OF IRAQI SOLDIERS LOST FIGHTING AGAINST  
THE KURDS SEVERAL YEARS AGO. IT SEEMS TO US THAT GOI HAS TAKEN  
A CANDID APPROACH TO THE ADMITTEDLY SENSITIVE PROBLEM OF SETTLING  
THE QUESTION OF MIA'S. IT IS VERY DOUBTFUL THAT GOI IN ANY WAY  
IMPLICATED IN DEATHS OF THESE MEN.  
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